The Battle to Export Coal: What it Could Mean for All Exports

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Background on Coal Exports
Currently five proposed coal export terminals in the Pacific Northwest:

1. Morrow Pacific Project (Morrow County, OR)
2. Kinder Morgan’s Port Westward Project (Clatskanie, OR)
3. Millennium Bulk Coal Export Terminal (Cowlitz County, WA)
4. Gateway Pacific Terminal (Cherry Point, WA)
5. Project Mainstay (Port of Coos Bay, OR)
The Opposition
Morrow Pacific Project going through Environmental Assessment (EA); Gateway Pacific Terminal going through Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Issue is whether to perform a “cumulative, programmatic” EIS for all five projects that examines the impact of not just the projects themselves but the lifecycle environmental impact of the cargo—in this case, the coal.

The danger: bad precedent here could easily cascade to other exports. Already the Sierra Club is making the same argument with respect to LNG exports.
Federal and state officials in Oregon and Washington are pushing for increased scrutiny of the five proposed terminals.

“Cumulative, Programmatic”
EPA Region 10
OR Gov. John Kitzhaber
Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

More Scrutiny
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
WA Gov. Jay Inslee

Neutral (for now)
Army Corps of Engineers
White House
The NAM is a founding member of the Alliance for Northwest Jobs and Exports, a coalition of businesses and organized labor that is battling against efforts to use NEPA and other tactics to stop port expansions in the Pacific Northwest.

The NAM filed multiple sets of comments with state and federal permitting authorities supporting construction of the projects, and held a member briefing in January 2013 to raise awareness of the issue among manufacturers.

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